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Ministries and Parties in Bombay (1937 - 1945)

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MINISTRIES	STRENGTH OF PARTIES - TOTAL SEATS: 175	REMARKS
I. First Ministry (April 1, 1937 - July 19,1937) 1. Sir B.G. Cooper — Chief Minister (Portfolios: Home and General) 2. Sir S.T. Kambli — (Portfolio: Education) 3. Mr. Huseinally Rahimtoola — (Portfolio: Local Self Government) 4. Mr. Jamnadas M. Mehta — (Portfolios: Finance and Revenue) *The figures are based on the Return showing the results of Elections presented by the Secretary of State for India to Parliament in November, 1937.	As returned in the first elections to the Assembly under Provincial Autonomy which was inaugurated on April 1, 1937* The Congress Party (General including five Women's seats, 80; Indian Christians, 1; Commerce, 1; Labour, 2; University, 1) ..... 85 Muslim League (19 Muslim Seats including one Women's Seat)..... 19 Ambedkar's party (12 General seats)..... 12 Non-Brahmins (10 General seats)..... 10 Democratic Swaraj Party (2 General seats)..... 2 Varnashram (1 General seat)..... 1 Khoti Sabha (2 General seats)..... 2 Labour ..... 4 Communist (Congress Support)..... 1 Independents (General, 12; Muslims, 12; Anglo-Indians, 2; Europeans, 3; Indian Christians, 2; Commerce,6; Landholders, 2)..... 39 Total: 175	The Congress Party did not accept office in any province till July, 1937; when-following the Viceroy, Lord Linlithgow's message of June 22 on the "Constitutional Position" - it decided to form Ministries.

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MINISTRIES	STRENGTH OF PARTIES — TOTAL SEATS: 175	REMARKS
II. Congress Ministry (July 19, 1937 - Nov.4,1939)		
1. Mr. Bal Gangadhar Kher — Chief Minister (Portfolio: Education)	As on May 20, 1938	
2. Mr. K.M. Munshi — (Portfolios: Home and Law)	Congress Party 88	
3. Dr. M.D. Gilder — (Portfolios: Medical, Public Health and Excise)	The Opposition	
4. Mr. Morarji Ranchhodji Desai — (Portfolios: Revenue, Rural Development and Agriculture)	Muslim League 25	
5. Mr. Mohamed Yasen Nurie — (Portfolio: Public Works)	Independent Labour Party..... 14	
6. Mr. L.M. Patil — (Portfolios: Local Self-Government and Miscellaneous)	Progress Party 12	
7. Mr. Amna Babaji Lathe — (Portfolio: Finance)	Peasants' and Peoples Party..... 10	
	Peasants' and Workers' Party..... 8	
	Democratic Swaraj Party..... 5	
	Independents 12	
	86	
	(Speaker..... 1)	
	175	

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GENERAL ELECTIONS - BOMBAY LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (Contd.)

Serial No. (1)	Constituency (2)	Candidates and their party affiliation (3)	Votes polled by candidates (4)	Successful candidate and his party affiliation (5)	Remarks (6)
74-77	Satara South (General Rural)	1. Mr. Keshavrao D. Patil- Congress	64,797	1. Mr. Keshavrao D. Patil- Congress	
		2. Mr. P.P. Gokhale- Congress	60,335	2. Mr. P.P. Gokhale- Congress	
		3. Mr. Vyankatrao P. Powar- Congress	59,605	3. Mr. Vyankatrao P. Powar- Congress	
		4. Mr. Yeshwantrao B. Chavan- Congress	59,375	4. Mr. Yeshwantrao B. Chavan- Congress	
		5. Mr. Khandrak Inamdar- Scheduled Castes Federation	11,043		
		6. Mr. Baburao V. Bakane- Hindu Mahasabha	2,565		
		7. Mr. Ramji M Chopade- Independent	2,320		
		8. Mr. R.G. Chavan- Radical Democrat	1,754		

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Serial No. (1)	Constituency (2)	Candidates and their party affiliation (3)	Votes polled by candidates (4)	Successful candidate and his party affiliation (5)	Remarks (6)
70-73	Satara North (General Rural- 4 seats, one reserved for Scheduled Castes)	1. Mr. Bahasaheb J. Shinde- Congress	44,315	1. Mr. Bahasaheb J. Shinde- Congress	Reelected
		2. Mr. G.D. Tapase- Congress (Sch. Caste)	43,961	2. Mr. G.D. Tapase- Congress (Sch. Caste)	
		3. Mr. G.E. Sinhasane- Congress	42,727	3. Mr. G.E. Sinhasane- Congress	
		4. Mr. D.K. Gosavi- Congress	41,474	4. Mr. D.K. Gosavi- Congress	No (5) represented the constituency in the last Assembly.
		5. Mr. Khanderao S. Savant- Sch. Castes Federation	14,010		
		6. Mr. S.V. Modak- Hindu Mahasabha	6,483		
		7. Mr. J.M. Raokhande- Independent	2,157		
		8. Mr. Vithalrao B. Jagtap- Radical Democrat	1,415		
		9. Mr. P.N. Ghanekar- Communist	1,314		

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GENERAL ELECTIONS— BOMBAY LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (Contd.)

Serial No. (1)	Constituency (2)	Candidates and their party affiliation (3)	Votes polled by candidates (4)	Successful candidate and his party affiliation (5)	Remarks (6)
3-85	Belgaum South (General Rural)	1. Mr. N.B. Dalvai—Congress	40,296	1. Mr. N.B. Dalvai—Congress	
		2. Mr. S.N. Angadi-Congress	40,062	2. Mr. S.N. Angadi-Congress	
		3. Mr. S.B. Kutre-Congress	39,419	3. Mr. S.B. Kutre-Congress	
		4. Mr. B.B. Mamdapur—Independent	5,501		
3-89	Belgaum North (General Rural—4 seats, one reserved for Scheduled Castes)	1. Mr. A.B. Latthe-Congress	55,787	1. Mr. A.B. Latthe-Congress	Reelected. Was Minister for Finance in 1937-38. In 1939 he was minister for Finance, Rural Development and Agriculture.
		2. Mr. R.A. Kulkarni—Congress	50,759	2. Mr. R.A. Kulkarni-Congress	
		3. Mr. M.P. Patil-Congress	49,867	3. Mr. M.P. Patil-Congress	Reelected. Parliamentary Secy. to Minister for Revenue Rural Development and Agriculture. In 1939 Parliamentary Secretary to Minister for Revenue.
		4. Mr. S.N. Mane—Independent (Sch. Caste)	27,682	4. Mr. S.N. Mane—Independent (Sch. Caste)	
		5. Mr. B.H. Varale-Scheduled Caste Federation	18,714		No.(5) represented the Constituency in the last Assembly.
		6. Mr. M.H. Patil—Radical Democrat	1,608		
		7. Mr. Y.B. Sambrani-Independent	538		
		8. Mr. G.B. Gijuanakar — Independent	232		

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MINISTRIES	STRENGTH OF PARTIES—TOTAL SEATS:112	REMARKS

II. First Congress Ministry (July 14, 1937—July 21, 1938)

1. Dr. Narayan Bhaskar Khare—Chief Minister (Portfolios: Appointments (eneral Administration, Political and Military, Jails and Police)
2. Pandit Ravi Shankar Shukla (Portfolios: Education and Agriculture)
3. Pandit Dwarka Prasad Misra (Portfolios: Local Self-Government, Medical and Public Health)
4. Mr. Ramrao Madhaorao Deshmukh (Portfolios: Public Works, Survey and Settlement and Land Records)
5. *Mr. Mohammed Yusuf Shareef (Portfolios: Assembly Department and Legislative, Judicial, Legal Remembrancer's Office and Law)
6. Mr. Durgashankar Kripashankar Mehta (Portfolios: Finance, Forest, Commerce and Industry)
7. Mr. Purushottam Balwant Gole (Portfolios: Revenue and Registration)

*Mr. Mohammad Yusuf Shareef resigned in May, 1938

As on May 28, 1938.

Congress	71	
The Opposition		
Independent Party ...	19	
United Party	15	
Unattached	6	
	40	
(Speaker	1)	
Total:	112	

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